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To: Marlene H. Dortch
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

This is to certify that Venture Communications Cooperative, formerly Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative, Inc., will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area listed below.

Venture Communications Cooperative SD 39-1680

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Houdek", written over a horizontal line.

Date: 5/27/03

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